

COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

January 30, 2015

Teleconference 1-866-228-9900

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County Supervisors Association
1905 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ

9:00 a.m. Call to Order ~ ~~President Clint Hickman~~ Vice President Mandy Metzger

- A) Governor's Budget Recommendation Report / JLBC Baseline Budget – Small Group Meetings began in earnest this week. One source of contention is the difference of revenue projections between the Governor Ducey's Budget and the JLBC Baseline. Another is the lower case-load projections in the Executive's Budget. This leads to some arguing for more drastic cuts to Governor Ducey's budget than already in place to account for "optimistic" outlooks. Finally, there is some push-back on the VLT increase as a "tax hike." Compiled together, CSA remains exposed should those advocating for greater program cuts or shifts win the day. Our next steps in advocacy include collateral pieces that we'll distribute Monday. Please continue to create pressure on your delegation to protect county taxpayers.
- B) Transportation Advocacy – County representatives gave presentations to the House Transportation Committee this past week. The presentations focused on the county transportation "network" as it relates to economic development, the role that tourism plays and the willingness, with an appropriate strategy, that the public will pay transportation costs. The committee was engaged and received the county information very well. CSA is working to schedule a similar presentation to the Senate Transportation Committee in the coming weeks.
- C) CSA Legislative Agenda
- 1) [HB 2349 flood control districts; administrative enforcement](#) (Fann) – The measure streamlines Flood Control District administrative hearing processes. The measure is scheduled for a hearing in Rural Affairs and Economic Development on Tuesday February 3rd.
 - 2) [HB 2363 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (Thorpe) – The measure repeals the DUC Pool County Contributions. The measure is scheduled for a hearing in House Counties and Municipal Affairs on Monday, February 2nd.
 - 3) [HB 2490 sexually violent persons; reimbursement; repeal](#) (Carter) – The measure reverts the costs of housing and treating SVPs back to the state. It's assigned to the House County and Municipal Affairs Committee.
 - 4) [SB 1145 restoration to competency; state costs](#) (Griffin) - Removes post-conviction RTC patients at ASH from the population counties are required to pay for. DHS has agreed that they can absorb the lost revenue and are even exploring alternative options related to mental health designations that could lead to a permanent solution.
 - 5) resources for juvenile dependency representation (TBD)
 - 6) [SCM 1010 PILT program; SRS; full funding](#) (Griffin) - Urge congress to provide full long-term funding for the PILT program; immediately reauthorize SRS funding for FY2014 and FY2015

and work towards a long-term solution; to work with state and county governments to identify and implement policies to promote economic development on, or associated with federally managed lands. There is a drafting error on page 2 line 16 which will be fixed by an amendment in committee.

D) Legislative Bills for Discussion

- 1) [HB 2133 countywide elections; vote by mail](#) (Shope) - The measure permits a county BOS to adopt an all mail election for that county. Following last week's board meeting, several supervisors expressed confusion and sought clarification on the process. CSA will re-examine the issue at next month's CSA Board Meeting for possible reconsideration.
- 2) [HB 2209 government-owned real property; annual report](#) (Finchem) - Requires counties, and cities and towns to publish a report, by June 30 of each year, detailing the location, fair market value, and tax valuation of each parcel of real property owned by the political subdivision. The word coming out of the House research staff is that this someone made a public records request of a city or town or county to obtain this information and they feel they did not receive all the info they asked for.
- 3) [HB 2212 licensing; accountability; enforcement; exceeding regulation](#) (Petersen) - Similar to last year's proposal, the measure establishes a process where county personnel can be sued if they are thought to be enforcing a regulation or engaging in conduct not specifically authorized in state statute. There is significant concern with the costs to the county and to the threat of frivolous or vexatious lawsuits. - OPPOSE
- 4) [HB 2213 inspections; audits; notice; rights](#) (Petersen) - Establishes "Miranda" type warnings for inspections by state agencies. As crafted, county personnel are concerned the measure seems to infringe on their ability to simply "talk" or interact with constituents in a less-than-antagonistic manner. Contains provisions granting an individual under suspicion the ability to edit witness statements.
- 5) [HB 2245 county floodplain regulations; mobile homes](#) (Ackerley) - This measure alters the county flood control district board regulations for mobile homes, specifically those built/installed to replace those located in a floodplain since August 3, 1984. The measure specifies requirements for the structures, but they are problematic as they are below FEMA approved levels, possibly removing the ability of these homeowners to obtain flood insurance. - OPPOSE
- 6) [HB 2310 mental health courts; establishment](#) (E. Farnsworth) - This measure permits the establishment of mental health courts, and for counties with fewer than 250,000 persons, allows courts to enter into agreements with other courts to provide the service across county lines. Counties have the authority to establish the mental health courts currently, but the intergovernmental agreements component of the bill is new.
- 7) [HB 2523 towed vehicles; local authority](#) (Gray) - Prohibits political subdivisions from establishing rules that more stringent than those in state statute.
- 8) [HB 2527 prohibited laws; rules; ordinances; firearms](#) (Kern) - This measure prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from enacting or implementing laws, rules and ordinances regarding the transfer of firearms.
- 9) [SB 1072 local planning; residential housing; prohibitions](#) (Smith) - Attempts to prohibit political subdivisions from requiring developers to set aside any portion of their development for low income housing. As written, the potential for unintended consequences is huge. The proponents of the measure are willing to discuss crafting alternative language if possible, to address concerns. CSA will begin participating to discuss potential amendments to the measure.

- 10) [SB 1108 task force; gas tax replacement](#) (Farley) - Establishes the Highway User Fee Replacement Task Force to identify a transportation revenue stream, or streams, to replace the gas tax and use fuel tax. The membership (24 members) will include two legislators (one each from the House and the Senate), a member of county government and a member of municipal government. The rest of the membership is divided among the other stakeholder groups (i.e. trucking, road construction, ADOT). Each membership specification has a provision mandating the area of the state they must be chosen from. The breakdown of the task force is:
- 50% from Maricopa County
 - 25% from Pima County
 - 25% from outside Maricopa and Pima counties
- The term of appointment is four years, except when a legislative or other elected member ceases to be an elected official. Task Force members would be entitled to per diem. By December 15, 2016 the Task Force will design pilot programs to test alternative approaches and has a delayed repeal date for the Task Force of September 30, 2025.
- 11) [SB 1202 county zoning ordinance; noise limitation](#) (Pierce) – Grants county's greater zoning authority for excessive noise.
- 12) [SB 1204 property tax; assessment of greenhouses](#) (Pierce) - Requires greenhouses that are at least 100,000sqft and used for growing and processing vegetables be classified as Agricultural Personal Property Class 02(P). This has a practical effect of lowering the taxable value of any qualifying greenhouses substantially. - OPPOSE
- 13) [SB 1224 municipalities; counties; prohibited security requirements](#) (Kavanagh) – Prohibits a county from establishing an ordinance or other requirement that a business implement security measures based on a series of criteria. As crafted, some interpret the measure as outlawing a county's planning and zoning statute.

E) Next Meeting Date and Time (Friday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m.)

F) Other Business

G) Adjourn